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☐ An assignment of the invention to TDK CORPORATION is filed herewith.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
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☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-077954 filed March 21, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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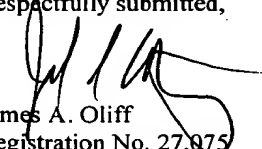
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